Government during the last three years:

(i) For speedy completion of Beas-Goindwal line.

(ii) For construction of a rail link between Ludhiana and Chandigarh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The following action has been taken :

(i) Beas-Goindwal line has been given priority and would be completed during the current financial year.

(ii) The survey for a link between Rajpura and Chandigarh to provide a direct connection from all Districts of Punjab to Chandigarh has been completed. The survey report has just been received.

Computer Reservation Centre at Jalandhar

5771. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Computer Reservation Centre at Jalandhar junction of Punjab state;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to redress the difficulties faced by passengers due to non-availability of Computer Reservation Centre at the said city?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Introduction of computerised Reservation Facility at Jalandhar has been sanctioned in the Works Programme 1993-94 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 30 lakhs.

Running of Shatabadi Express between Jalandhar and Delhi

5772. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps initiated by Government to start Shatabadi Express between Jalandhar-Delhi-Jalandhar;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Shatabadi Express proposed to be introduced between New Delhi and Amritsar will also serve the passengers of Jalandhar.

Upgrading and improving Dakshin Express

5773. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the need to upgrade and improve Dakshin Express plying between Delhi and Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to improve this train; and

(c) the details of such improvements undertaken in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) There are demand for running of Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Link Express as an independant superfast train, which has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints. Amenities as per norms have been provided in Dakshin Express. Upgradation and improvement of facilities/amenities for the passengers is a continuous process.